Scheme is more than 66,640 and the number of declarations accepted is 59,438.

(b) Under the Scheme, Rs. 739.24 crores was received in relation to direct tax enactments, and Rs. 621.20 crores in relation to indirect tax enactments.

(c) No, Sir. The Scheme was simple and voluntary. Hence, it is not a fact that the scheme could not achieve the desired success because of its complaxity.

Reduction in excise duty on yarn

704. SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would come forward to reduce the exicse duty on yarn from the prevailing effective rate of 9.2 percent to avoid further closure of yarn mills in Textile Industry;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR): (a) No, Sir. There is no proposal to reduce the rate of excise duty payable on cotton yarn.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Closure of yarn mills in Textiles Industry (if any) may not be attributable only to rate of duty on yarn. However, the available information shows that there has been an increase in the production of yarn as well as marginal decline in its average price.

UNDP assistance for National Programmes

705. SHRI RAMACHANDRAIAH RUMANDLA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the United Nations Development Project has decided to grant assistance to support four national programmes of the development sector;

(b) if so, the details of the programmes to be aided by the UNDP, State-wise; and

(c) the amount sanctioned for the purpose, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) As a part of the Country Cooperation Framework-I (CCF-I) Government of India signed with UNDP on 1st November,'99 aid documents worth US$ 19 million amounting to nearly Rs. 81.7 crores.

(b) and (c) The aid will be utilised for financing the following Programmes/sub-programmes:

(1) Economic Reforms Programme Support-(US$ 1.84 million) [Not State specific through Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance]

(2) Capacity Building in Public Administration -(US$ 9.25 million) [Not State specific through Department of Personnel & Training, Government of India]

(3) Three sub-programmes (US$ 6.7 million) under Food Security Programme i.e. Sustainable dryland Agriculture by Mahila Sangam, Andhra Pradesh; Empowerment of Women Farmers for Food Security, Uttar Pradesh; Natural Resource Management and Sustainable Livelihood for Women in Tribal Orissa.

(4) Sub-programme on Demonstration of community based Solar Energy for Sustainable Development-(1.2 million) under the Rural Energy Programme. [Rajasthan, Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Bihar, Assam and Sikkim.]

Detention of North Korean Ship at Kandla

706. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Customs authorities in Gujarat detained a North Korean ship at Kandla in the month of June/July, 1999;

(b) if so, the details of documents/machinery parts etc., seized by the Customs authorities;